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GRAYSON COUNTY MAN GUILTY OF FEDERAL DRUG AND GUN CRIMES

(Tyler, TX) A 49-year-old Howe, Texas man has been convicted of drug trafficking and gun crimes in the Eastern District of Texas. A federal jury convicted **MARK CHARLES LARKIN** today of possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

According to information presented in court, Larkin was arrested on October 3, 2005, after the Grayson County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant at his residence and discovered three firearms and a substance containing methamphetamine. A superceding indictment was returned by a federal grand jury on December 7, 2005, and Larkin's trial began Friday, December 9, 2005, before United States District Judge Michael Schneider. Larkin has a prior felony conviction in 1984 for drug trafficking in the Eastern District of Texas. Larkin faces up to 20 years in federal prison. A sentencing date has not been set.

The case is being investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Grayson County Sheriff's Office and prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Joshua T. Burgess and Assistant U.S. Attorney Andy Williams.

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